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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSI

SUBJECT: Additional Air Force Member on Scientific Intelligence Committee

REFERENCE: Memorandum to the DCI, AFOP-PP, 3 April 1950 from Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force re Additional Air Force Member on the Scientific Intelligence Committee

1. I do not approve of the Air Force recommendation in Paragraph 1 that the DCI 3/3 should be changed to read "Department of the Air Force, Air Materiel Command of the Department of the Air Force."

2. If there has to be a change in the DCI 3/3, I think it should better be 4 lines later to change "a regular member" into "one or more regular members as may be necessary."

3. However, I should think the last sentence in this Paragraph would take care of the additional Air Force member from their Materiel Command. Furthermore I should think this matter could be handled by the Scientific Intelligence Committee under Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the DCI 3/3.

4. Will you take this matter up with the Scientific Intelligence Committee, especially the Air Force member, to ascertain why they felt it is so necessary to formalize to this extent their 2 members vs. 1 from all other participating members. Do they want twice as many seats as every other Agency ???

5. I also wonder if it is necessary to have such a man on the Scientific Intelligence Committee rather than on the Subcommittees dealing with the specific subjects of interest to the Air Force. As I recall it, General Cabell was opposed to having the Materiel Command participate too freely in these matters but now he seems to have swung to the other extreme, even though he apparently desires to have his own man on the overall Committee also. I should think the Materiel Command would be satisfied to sit in on the Scientific Intelligence Committee meetings with the A-2 man under the last sentence of Paragraph 1 of the DCI 3/3, and presumably participate more actively than A-2 in the Subcommittees of interest to it.

6. Let us know what you suggest.

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